

AUGUSTA'S CAPITAL.

RETURN OF THE STAUNTON SOLDIERS AWAITED WITH INTEREST.

CHAIN GANG WILL CLEAN STREETS.

The Question of a New Court-House
Now Being Agitated--More Telephone Lines for the County-Town Topics.

STAUNTON, VA., September 10.-(Special)--The return of the Staunton boys, Company K, of the Second Regiment, at Jacksonville, is awaited with much interest and satisfaction. At no time for quite awhile, however, have our people been without visible reminders of our absent soldiers, as furloughs have been frequent and there have always been three or four here at a time. Despite some sadness, there has been but one death, one of the company, however, has visibly improved under the Florida sun. He received a discharge last week, having applied for one soon after reaching Florida. His father is authority for the statement that when his son left with the company he stood 5 feet 11 and returned 6 feet 1 and broadened in proportion, until now he is larger than his parent.

W. C. MORTON HONORED.

W. C. Norton, who has been for a number of years assistant in the high-school department of the Staunton public school, was recently elected principal of the Sutton High School.

Rev. A. E. Dickinson, editor of the Religious Herald, of Richmond, was in Staunton this week, and then went to Roanoke, in Rockingham county, to attend a three days' session of the Baptist Association.

Rev. H. C. Jett, pastor of Emmanuel Episcopal church, has declined a call tendered him by a wealthy church at Columbus, Ga. During his five years' pastorate of Emmanuel church Mr. Jett has greatly enhanced himself to his congregation, and has a wide circle of friends and admirers beyond the limits of his congregation.

EXPERIMENT IN STREET CLEANING.

Staunton is about to try a new experiment in the way of keeping her streets clean. This work is to be done by the cleaning daily.

The last meeting of the Board of County Supervisors disclosed the fact that only twenty sheep were killed and wounded by dogs during the last year, enabling the sum of \$600 from the dog fund to be carried over.

The report of the Superintendent of the Poor for Augusta county for the year ending June 30th shows that 76 persons were cared for, of which number 30 were taken away and 13 died, leaving 33 on hand.

The annual expense was \$36,652.

A NEW COURT-HOUSE.

The question of a new court-house is again being agitated here. This is an improvement which Augusta county badly needs. The present building is inadequate in every respect, the court-room being small, ill-ventilated, and productive of difficulties and much discomfort. The narrow and dark vaults of the Clerk's office cannot hold the many important documents filed there, and a fire, that would destroy them would cause the people of the county more loss in money than lawsuits, &c., than would build several court-houses. The county is out of debt, is wealthy, and can well afford a new and modern building.

THE TELEPHONIC RAMIFICATIONS.

Although Augusta county is rammed with telephone lines, radiating from Staunton in every direction, like the spokes of a spider's web (the cross lines completing the circle), there are yet others building. The latest is the Staunton, Pend Gap, and Craigsville Telephone Company, of which G. H. Elslebiger is president; G. S. Craig, secretary, and J. M. Kunkle, treasurer.

Work is being rapidly pushed on the new gas plant, and the power-house for the electric railroad.

Owners of cattle ranging on the mountains are said to be much alarmed at finding many of their cattle dying in the mountains from some unknown cause. The extent of their losses is not yet known. The mortality is supposed to be due to their eating a poisonous variety of mushrooms.

LOCAL MARKETS FLOODED.

The change in the weather from a long rainy spell to one of sunshine has caused a sudden ripening of vegetables and fruits, and the local markets are flooded. Apples, however, are very scarce, and are high. The farmers are all through with their fall ploughing, and a large wheat acreage will be sown. Although the price of wheat is low, intelligent farmers say that the fine crop of this year will largely make up for the drop in the price per bushel.

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Rev. Thomas A. Johnson and Messrs. Frank F. Shaner, Joseph F. Tolley, and Eldridge Rice, were in attendance upon the Augusta Baptist Association in session at Bridgewater this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy G. Davidson, of Great Bend, Kan., are guests of the family of Mr. William B. Wallace, near here. Mr. Davidson was formerly a resident of this place and went West about fifteen years ago.

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Mr. James Boone, of Salem, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John C. Boude, when once begun. So, until a few weeks before the election, there will probably be nothing done. Then, when the campaign is opened, it will be pushed vigorously, and every available man in Staunton and the county will put to active work, and the county will be literally overrun with Democratic speakers.

Candidates, however, are beginning to crop out for next spring's election, when the county officials will be chosen, and these are trying to arouse some interest in the campaign long in advance.

A DELIGHTFUL GERMAN.

The younger society set have had a delightful German, which was led by Mr. John D. Crowley, Jr., and Miss Tillie Bumgarner. Among the young ladies taking part were Misses Merrill and Lee, of Richmond.

The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind opened this week, and the attendance will be larger this year than ever.

Mr. Fred F. Allen, a Newport News cracker, is at the residence of his father, Marshal S. Brown Allen, recovering from an attack of malarial fever.

INDIVIDUAL MENTION.

Miss Jennie Brown, of Richmond, who has been spending the summer at Wilson's Springs, has returned to her home.

Misses Jane and Lily Standard, of Richmond, are visiting their sister, Mrs. S. H. Owen.

John P. East, a successful New York lawyer, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Lucy V. East.

Dr. Powell C. Fauntleroy, who has just recovered from an attack of yellow-fever contracted at Santiago, is visiting his mother, Mrs. A. M. Fauntleroy.

Miss Libby Alby has gone to Atlanta to resume her duties in a college for young ladies.

Thomas J. Todd, of Richmond, paid his brother, J. W. Todd, a visit at "Glenmore" this week.

Miss Norma Straus, of Charleston, S. C., is visiting her brother, Mr. L. G. Straus.

Mrs. J. F. Cassell, of Connelleville, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. F. Wayman.

Miss Edna Scott, of Richmond, is visiting Mrs. J. H. Connel.

Rev. A. M. Frazer, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has returned from his vacation.

Miss Sarah Rutherford and Miss C. M. Wheat, after visiting Mrs. C. M. Wheat, have returned to Richmond.

Mr. Louis C. Davison, a Staunton mer-

IS IT CURABLE?

A Question Often Asked by Those Afflicted With Piles.

Is a strained joint curable? Is local inflammation curable? Of course, if properly treated. So is piles.

People become afflicted with piles and persist in the wrong treatment, and naturally he discourages them by telling them that their case is hopeless.

They in turn discourage others, and thus a disease that can in every case be cured by careful and skilful handling is allowed to sap the energy of thousands who might free themselves of the trouble in a few days.

Pyramidal Pile Cure will cure the most aggravated case of hemorrhoids in an astonishing short time. It relieves the congested parts, reduces the tumors instantly, no matter how large, allays the inflammation, and stops the aching or itching at once.

Thousands who have resorted to expensive surgical treatment have been cured by the Pyramid Pile Cure—in a number of instances persons who had spent months in a hospital under a pile specialist.

It is a remedy that none need fear to apply, even to the most aggravated, swollen, and inflamed hemorrhoidal tumors.

If you are afflicted with this stubborn disease you can master it, and master it quickly.

This remedy is no longer an experiment, but a medical certainty. It is manufactured by the Pyramid Pile Company, of Staunton.

MESSRS. W. P. Campbell and T. H. Slaven, a sub-committee of the Building Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were in Staunton yesterday for the purpose of meeting representatives from several companies, in order that they might examine samples and receive bids for seating the handsome church now nearing completion.

Mr. L. H. Bird, from Rich Hill, Mo., is spending a month with his brother at Mill Gap.

Hon. Charles P. Jones left during the early portion of this week for a business trip at Staunton and other points.

CONDITION OF COTTON CROP.

A Decline During the Month of August of Eleven Points.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The returns for cotton to the statistician of the Department of Agriculture indicate an average condition of 73.8 on September 1st, as compared with 91.2 on August 1st, a decline of 11 points during the month.

The latest condition, Sept. 1, 1897, was 73.3, on Sept. 1, 1896, 64.2, and the mean of the September averages for the last ten years is 73.4.

The decline during August by States was as follows: North Carolina, 6 points; Georgia, 8; Georgia, N. Alabama, 15; Mississippi, 10; Louisiana, 14; Texas, 18; Arkansas, 4; Tennessee, 2; Oklahoma, 8. In the Indian Territory there was slight improvement. Complaints of defective rainfall, resulting from drought and other adverse conditions, was general east of the Mississippi river, while the bollworm and Mexican weevil have been very destructive in Texas.

The average condition in the different States is as follows: Virginia, 51; North Carolina, 54; South Carolina, 51; Georgia, 50; Florida, 52; Alabama, 50; Mississippi, 58; Louisiana, 56; Texas, 55; Arkansas, 59; Tennessee, 55; Missouri, 54; Oklahoma, 56; Indian Territory, 50.

A Delicate Discrimination.

(Exchange.)

What did Colonel Stilwell say about the branded peaches we sent to cheer his convalescence?

"He said he was afraid he wasn't strong enough to eat the fruit," replied the little girl, but that he appreciated the spirit in which it was sent.

M. Caesar Thompson, the famous Belgian violinist, has received from King Humbert the honor of knighthood in the Order of Sts. Maurice and Lazar.

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